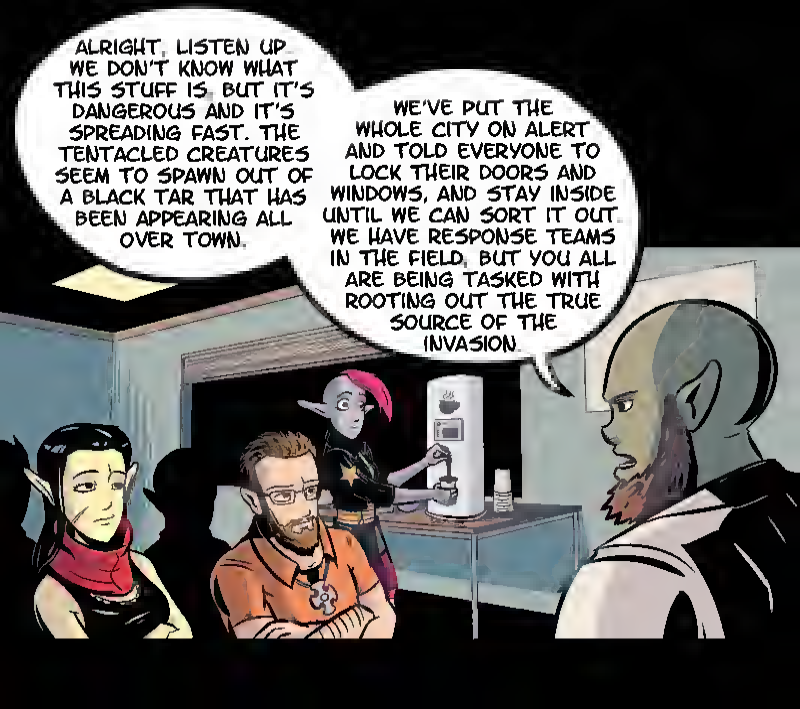
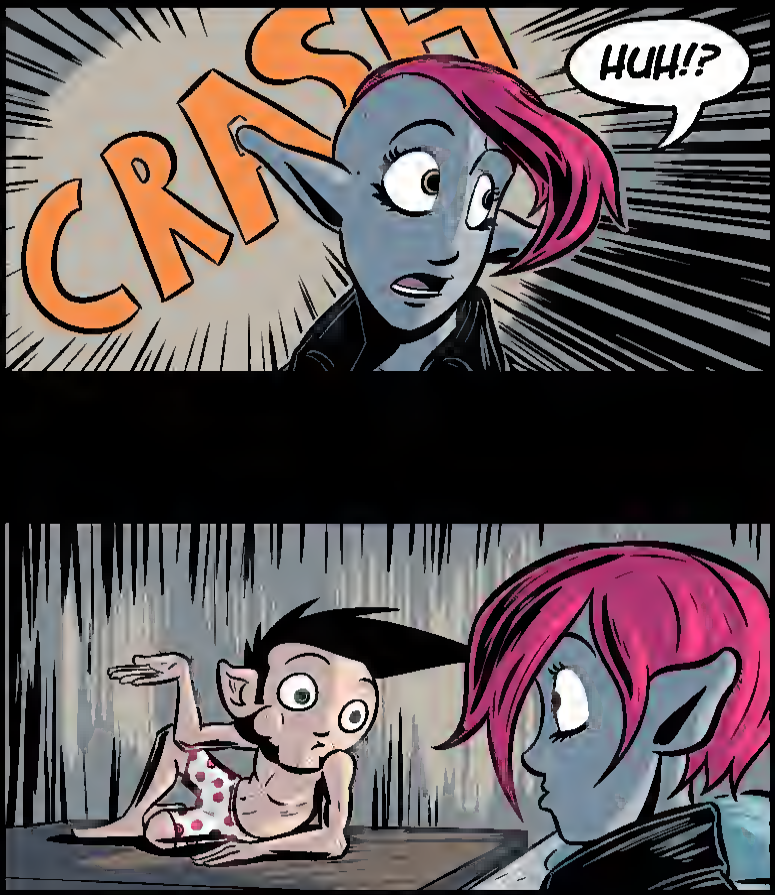
THEN I REMEMBERED YOU GOT SOME ON YOUR SHIRT AND WELL...
I PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER...

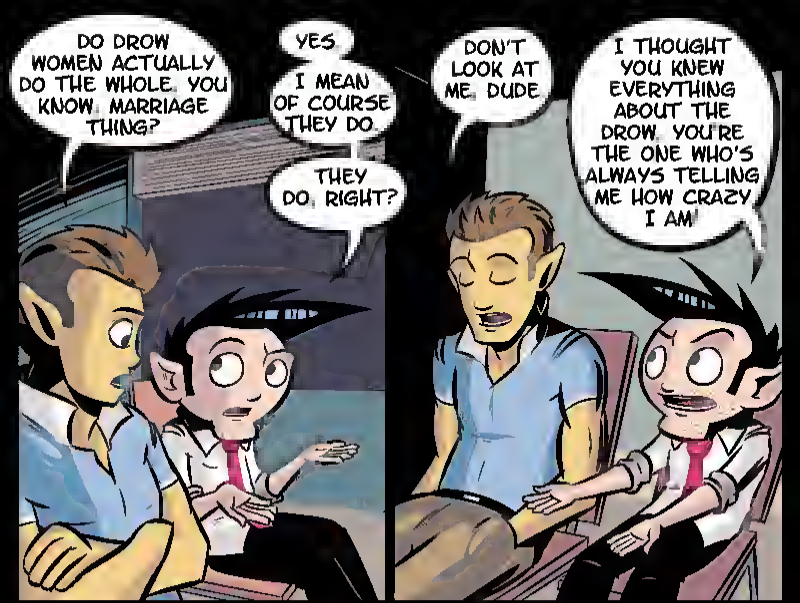
WHAT'S UP CHIEF?
WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU!?


ALRIGHT, LISTEN UP. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS STUFF IS, BUT IT'S DANGEROUS AND IT'S SPREADING FAST. THE TENTACLED CREATURES SEEM TO SPAWN OUT OF A BLACK TAR THAT HAS BEEN APPEARING ALL OVER TOWN.
WE'VE PUT THE WHOLE CITY ON ALERT AND TOLD EVERYONE TO LOCK THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS, AND STAY INSIDE UNTIL WE CAN SORT IT OUT. WE HAVE RESPONSE TEAMS IN THE FIELD, BUT YOU ALL ARE BEING TASKED WITH ROOTING OUT THE TRUE SOURCE OF THE INVASION.

WHAT'S UP CHIEF?
ALRIGHT LOOK, THE REALITY IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHERE THIS STUFF IS COMING FROM.


CRASH
HUH!?

I KNOW. BUT JUST BECAUSE IT'S CREEPY AND FULL OF TENTACLES DOESN'T MEAN IT CAME FROM THE UNDERDARK
I DON'T THINK THE CHIEF WAS MAKING A PERSONAL ATTACK AGAINST YOUR HOME. I'M PRETTY SURE WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING A LEAD


DO DROW WOMEN ACTUALLY DO THE WHOLE, YOU KNOW, MARRIAGE THING?
YES
I MEAN OF COURSE THEY DO.
THEY DO, RIGHT?
DON'T LOOK AT ME, DUDE
I THOUGHT YOU KNEW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE DROW. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS TELLING ME HOW CRAZY I AM!

I'M GOING TO GO GET US SOME COFFEE.
OKAY, THANKS.

YEAH, WELL--
NEWMAN. GWEN. A MINUTE

GOOD. BECAUSE I'M SENDING YOU AND GWEN TO THE UNDERDARK. OUR BEST SOURCES INDICATE THAT AS THE MOST LIKELY STARTING POINT OF ALL THIS

WAIT. YOU'RE SAYING--?
WE BELIEVE THE VERY SAME CULT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT'S GOING ON HERE. THERE HAVE BEEN MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS OF CLOAKED MEN AROUND THE SCENES OF THE BIGGEST ATTACKS. WE'VE BEEN KEEPING TABS ON THESE GUYS AND IT SEEMS THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS IS IN THE UNDERDARK.

SO? TAKE A STICK OF GUM.
IT'S NOT THE SAME.

WEEEEEWOOOOWEEEEWOOOOOOO!!!!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT GUNK IN THE UNDERDARK
YEAH, BUT SOME MONSTERS LAY DORMANT FOR CENTURIES, AND WHO KNOWS, THIS COULD BE A WHOLE NEW SPECIES

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GUM IS JUST CHEWING EXERCISE.. GUM IS DUMB... I HATE GUM.

EAT FOOD
RING
RING

IT DOESN'T REALLY SEEM THAT BA—

WHAT'S WITH THE SOUR FACE?
MY TOOTH-BRUSH WAS IN THAT BATHROOM.

I WANT YOU TWO TO SNIFF THEM OUT, FIGURE OUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND SEE IF YOU CAN PUT A STOP TO IT. AND IF YOU FIND ANYTHING, CALL ME. I WANT STEADY REPORTS.
GOOD LUCK.

AM I INTERRUPTING SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT?
OH-- NO SIR, SORRY.

YEAH, BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW IT WOULD BE HERE?
I SAW ONE IN MY TRASH CAN. IT WAS CRAWLING OUT OF THE SAME KIND OF BLACK GOOP WE SAW UNDER THE OVERPASS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SAVING YOUR LIFE YOU'RE WELCOME

NOTHING OF THE SORT. WE'RE SAYING THAT WHATEVER THIS IS IT CAME FROM UNDERGROUND.
NOW GRAB YOUR ITINERARIES. EVERYONE MOVES OUT IN TEN.

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WHAT'S THAT BEHIND YOU!?

K... WELL. I'M GOING TO GO WAIT OUTSIDE THE CHIEF WANTS US ALL TO REPORT IN.

BRO, I JUST KNOW ENOUGH NOT TO DATE THEM THE CHET FLIES FREE

Newman
BY JOSH ULRICH

WHAT WAS THAT THING?
NO IDEA. I JUST KNOW THEY DON'T LIKE EXPLODING.

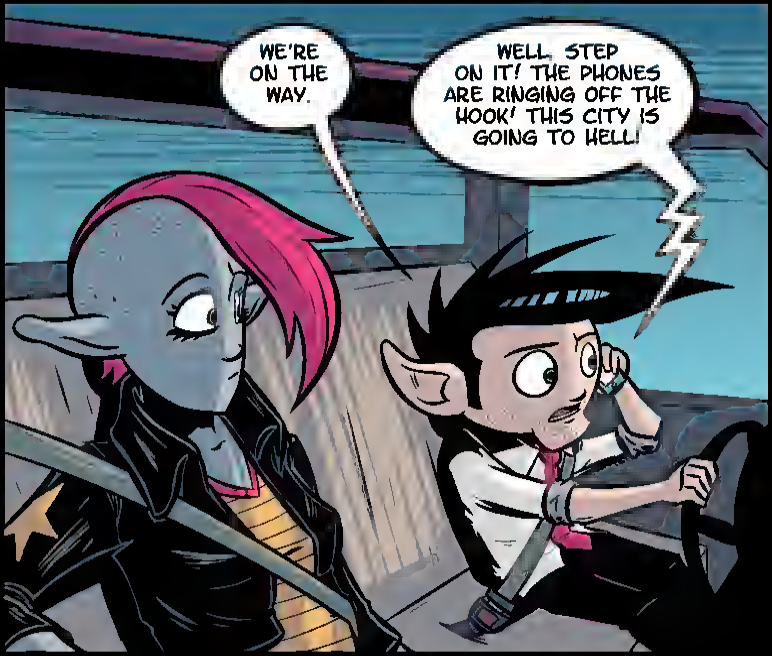
BE THERE IN FIVE.
BOOP

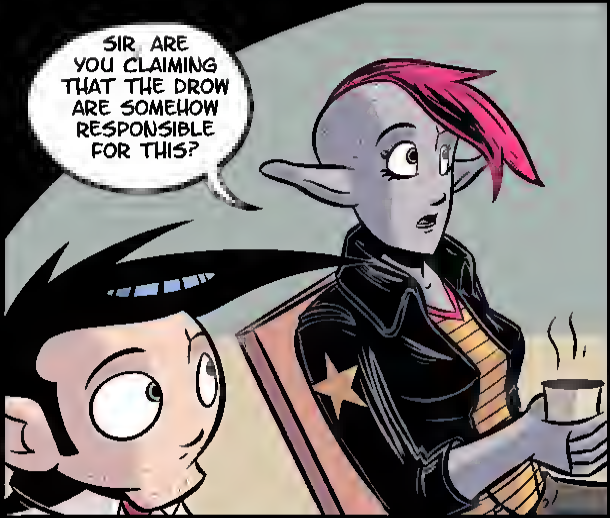
SEE? DISCRIMINATION.
LET ME FINISH. A FEW MONTHS AGO YOU TWO HAD A RUN IN WITH A CULT. YOU HANDLED IT SO WELL THAT THE HIGHER UPS WANT YOU ON THE FRONT LINES OF THIS INVESTIGATION

MY MOUTH FEELS SO...
DIRTY.

YOU SHOULD PUT SOME PANTS ON...
AND STOP ACTING WEIRD.

WOAH! DUDE IS THAT A RI--!
YES. SHUT UP!
I'D WARN YOU ABOUT THE OLD BALL AND CHAIN. BUT I'M PRETTY SURE YOU HAVE A REAL ONE BY NOW.


WE'RE ON THE WAY.
WELL, STEP ON IT! THE PHONES ARE RINGING OFF THE HOOK! THIS CITY IS GOING TO HELL!


SIR, ARE YOU CLAIMING THAT THE DROW ARE SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?